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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2003 (Paper No. 6), please consider the following amendments, traversal, provisional election, and remarks. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments prior to examination of the captioned application. Applicants submit a Fee Transmittal Sheet with appropriate fee concurrently herewith, and note that the instant response is timely filed, as June 1, 2003 fell on a Sunday. See 35 U.S.C. § 21.

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